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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7724M

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE for the patent application.

Inventor(s): Roger W. Gutwein, et al. Confirmation No.

Serial No.: 09/638,704

Group Art Unit: 1761

Date Filed: August 14, 2000

Examiner: A. Weier

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Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS UTILIZING DELAYED DILUTION, MIXING AND FILTRATION FOR PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED BEVERAGES ON DEMAND

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INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$80 =	\$
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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2001 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$400.00 for a 2-month extension of time.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants hereby traverse the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner and provisionally elect Claims 1-15, 39-40, and 47-48 drawn to a system or apparatus for making a customized coffee product, for examination in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to file a petition from requirement for restriction pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.144.

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are pending in the case. The Examiner requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of three groups of claims identified as follows:

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